The Department of Justice will follow both aggregation methods defined in Part II of the Bulletin. The Department's initial review will be based upon allocating any response that includes white and one of the five other race categories identified in the response. Thus, the total numbers for "Black/African American," "Asian," "American Indian/Alaska Native," "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander," and "Some other race" reflect the total of the single-race responses and the multiple responses in which an individual selected a minority race and white race.

The Department will then move to the second step in its application of the census data by reviewing the other multiple-race category, which is comprised of all multiple-race responses consisting of more than one minority race. Where there are significant numbers of such responses, the Department will, as required by both the OMB guidance and judicial opinions, allocate these responses on an iterative basis to each of the component single-race categories for analysis.

As in the past, the Department will analyze Hispanic/Latino persons as a separate minority group for purposes of enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, pursuant to Sections 2, 4(f)(2), and 14(c)(3) of the Act. 52 U.S.C. §§ 10301, 10303(f)(2), 10310(c)(3). The Census asks respondents to answer both the Hispanic origin question and the race question. A Hispanic/Latino tabulation of Census data includes those who respond affirmatively to the Hispanic origin question, irrespective of their response to the race question, e.g., white, a minority race, "some other race" or multiple races. If there are significant numbers of responses in a jurisdiction that self-identify as Hispanic/Latino and one or more minority races (for example, Hispanics/Latinos who list their race as Black/African American), the Department will conduct its initial analysis by allocating those responses to the Hispanic/Latino category and then repeat its analysis by allocating those responses to the relevant minority race category. (Extracted from Sep 1, 2021 DOJ Guidance)

The ethnic categories I have provided reflect this guidance. The primary categories and their variable names are as follows:

Latino (LAT) Everyone that responded affirmatively to Hispanic Origin question regardless of race.

All of the following categories are Not Hispanic or Latino.

White (WHI) Single race White alone.

Black (BLK) Single race Black and 2 race Black and White.

American Indian (AIN) Single race AIN and 2 race AIN and White.

Asian (ASI) Single race Asian and 2 race Asian and White.

Hawaiian Pacific Islander (HPI) Single race HPI and 2 race HPI and White

Other Race (OTH) Single race Other and 2 race Other and White

Multi Minority Race (MMR) All multi race categories except those assigned above.

These categories are provided for Adjusted Population (POP_A20), Adjusted Voting Age Population (VAP_A20), and unadjusted Citizen Voting Age Population from 2019 CVAP tabulation (CVAP_D19). The variable names combine the ethnic prefix and the universe suffixes.